Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): It is a kathakalakshepam by Vallathol.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): I told him I will also attend the kalakshepam (*Laughter*).

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർ, ഇങ്ങിനെ ടിക്കറ്റവച്ചു് കാലക്ഷേപമൊ മറ്റൊ നടത്തണമെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിലേക്കു് ഗവൺമെൻറ് സബ്സിഡി വാങ്ങണമെന്നു കൂടിയുണ്ടൊ?

റാവുസാഹിബു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: മഹാരാജാസു് കോളേജിൽവെച്ചാണെങ്കിൽ സബ്സിഡിമാത്രംപോരാ, നല്ല ഉറപ്പിക വാടകകൂടി കൊടുക്കണം.

THE COCHIN CO-OPERATIVE LAND MORTGAGE BANK, LTD.

131. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to st te:—

(*a*) whether there was any instance of temporary misappropriation in the Land Mortgage Bank Office with regard to amounts received per money order by any of the Office Staff of the Bank, from loan recipients as advance payments;

(*b*) whether any of the Office Staff was in the habit of receiving money orders in the absence of the Bank Secretary from Office;

(*c*) whether there was any written complaint from a loan recipient from Nemmara with regard to the money received by money order by the officer who used to receive money orders in the absence of the Secretary from Office and not accounted for in the Bank accounts in time;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether any explanation has been called for from the officer concerned as to the facts set forth in the said complaint and with what results;

(*e*) will the Government be pleased to place all the papers connected with the above matter on the table of the House?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) There was a complaint from Mrs. V. K. Nayar, Nemmara.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. Vide (*a*).

(*d*) Yes. The explanation was found very unsatisfactory and the Head clerk was ordered not to receive money orders thereafter.

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(*e*) The file C. 235/13 (one paper) is placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know Sir, why for temporary mis-appropriation, he is given such light punishment?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The punishment was awarded by the Land Mortgage Bank Authorities. He was severely warned also. They thought that was sufficient.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Whether Government consider that such a light punishment would do for such a serious offence like that?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): His explanation was that there is no actual mis-appropriation. The authorities would have satisfied themselves with the explanation.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): The explanation was "The M. O. coupon and money Rs. 11 were kept under a big cover and a few petty cash vouchers inadvertently and the mistake was found out only on the 16th. The receipt was issued on the 16th itself.

As for the other money order for Rs. 25 the coupon with the party shows my signature. I am sure that I have not received the money and kept it in the cash box. As I am convinced that the signature is mine I am ready to remit the amount and the amount was remitted on 21st Thulam 1113.

The Secretary merely says the explanation was very unsatisfactory and hereafter M. Os. will be received by him and in his absence by the Accountant".

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Did the Government issue orders to the Anchal-man who took the money order to explain?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No information.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Does the Government think that some serious action should be taken?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): That is all the business of the Bank Authorities. Probably they did not think it necessary.

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Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Are Government satisfied with what the Bank Authorities have done in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It is only just now that it was brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know whether anything by way of punishment was done in the matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The explanation taken was already recorded as could be seen from the paper read by Mr. Iyyu.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): So no warning was given?

Mr. P. J George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): When he is prevented from receiving M. Os. hereafter, that itself is a warning.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether any promotion was recommended for him by the Bank Authorities, after this mis-appropriation?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Some proposals are pending. That is all. Nothing has been done. Some proposals have come for a general revision.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Has the Director of the Bank specially recommended for a promotion for this man?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): They have sent some proposals for a general revision of the pay of the staff and not about this particular man specially.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Including the person that has mis-appropriated?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Yes, he is one among the staff.

MARKETING OFFICERS—APPOINTMENT OF.

132. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is prepared to appoint more marketing officers in the State?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary to appoint more marketing officers.

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